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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: FRAME RELAY SWITCHED DATA
SERVICE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 25, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 25-26, 36, 38, 40-42, 47-48 and 53 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 2, 24, 27, 32, 43-44, 46 and 51 as follows:

2. (Thrice amended) A method comprising the steps of:
- receiving into a fast packet network frame relay data packets, said frame relay data packets having user data in a user data field, wherein said user data comprises service category data;
 - switching said frame relay packets within the fast packet network responsive to the user data;
 - discriminating between a plurality of service categories based on the user data; and
 - routing over a virtual private network responsive to at least one of the service categories.

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